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Good Luck Celebs

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Fleischer and Smith Qualify As National Merit Semi-Finalists

Arnold Fleischer, 7A, and Peter Smith, 7R, were announced on Sept. 30, as semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. They are among the 10,000 semi-finalists in the country.

Arnold is an Arista student with a 95.2 average, is on the tennis team, and is sports editor of *Tilden Topics*. Upon graduation, he would like to attend Columbia University.

Peter is also an Arista member with a 91.8 average. He works in the Tilden Library and Biology Preparation Laboratory. He wants to go to Brooklyn College after graduating in June.

In order to qualify as finalists, Arnold and Peter must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board in December, submit information filled out by themselves and the school, and file financial reports. Awards will be announced at the beginning of May, 1961 and will be based on the S.A.T. scores.

The National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is given to high school juniors in May. The test is administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, an independent non-profit organization.

In addition to the 10,000 semi-finalists, there are 28,000 letters of commendation issued to other students who did well on the examination. Mr. Margolies, principal of Tilden, has announced that the following students will receive commendations: Mitchel Feigenbaum, Melvin Gale, Irwin Goldstein, Alan Kay, Robert Kessler, Marion Lehrer, Leonard Robbins, Jerold Rosenbaum, Susan Rothberg, Marilyn Rothkopf, Howard Shapiro, Diane Turk, and Kenneth Winaker.

Left to right: Fleischer and Smith.

Art Dept. Offers Interior Decorating

The Art Department is now including a new course, interior decoration, in its curriculum this term.

Mr. Wally Hochman, who has been a practicing interior decorator for ten years, is teaching it. He intends to give his students "practical experience in solving problems in design." They will study color, fabric, lighting, floor plans and accessories. Through this approach he aims to wipe out what he calls this "horrible stereotype solution."

The class meets during the fifth period. It can be taken as a major, a half-major or for service credit.

It is not necessary to have particular artistic ability to take interior decoration. The only requirements are a desire and an aptitude to discriminate between good and bad design.

Artwise, Tilden was represented at "Meet the Artists Tea," by Andrea Greenberg, Joyce Idelson, Georgiana Jahelka, and Annette Smolowitz. The students were given the opportunity to discuss, with the creators, the paintings and pieces of sculpture displayed.

Miss Emily Francis, President of the Collectors of American Art, the society which sponsored this conference, pointed out that "when you stand before a canvas which seems to have no meaning to you, it may be because you haven't the understanding and interest in it to turn this encounter into an experience."

The purpose of this organization is to stimulate public acceptance of contemporary art through ownership.

G.O. Officers Seek Religious Harmony

Camp Brotherhood, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, met at the University Settlement Camp on Howland Avenue during the summer vacation. Tilden High School was represented at the August 28-Sept. 2 session by Jay Kranis, Neil Silverman and Isabelle Goodman.

The purpose of the organization is to bring together boys and girls of varied racial, religious, cultural and social backgrounds, in order to promote a mutual exchange of ideas on the constructive role of youth in a democratic society.

Discussions were held, during which experts on various aspects of human relations spoke to the group. Some of the topics discussed were Intergroup Relations, The Youth's Role in Society, Prejudice, Civil Liberties, and Education.

Senior Celebrities

The semi-annual Celebrity Hop was held in the boy's gym on October 28. Nominees for Senior Celebrities in the graduating class of January 1961 wore their identifying cards for the first time.At the Red Letter Hop, which will be held on December 9, the winners of the competition will be announced.

The positions that may be won range from Mr. and Miss Tilden to class orator. The socially capable students, those successful in studies, and those active in both intellectual and social activities may win recognition.

The campaign will be waged from October 31 to November 19. During this time, senior celebrity candidates will wear signs on their backs with their names, the catagories in which they are running, and an illustration of that catagory. This is done so that their fellow students may know them well when the ballots are cast.

WABC Introduces Expedition: N. Y.

"Expedition: New York" is WABC-TV's way of introducing New York to the student. In a series of 13 half-hour programs, presented at 7:00 on Tuesday evenings, famous celebrities view New York City through their own eyes.

The student's opinion is the deciding factor in its schedule of programs. Each week an essay of 500 words or less may be sent to the network on that week's show. A $200 savings bond is offered to the weekly winner. All winners will participate in another contest, submitting essays on the whole series. A $2000 savings bond is the first prize.

Among the planned tours, is a trip to the stock exchange and the *Times*.

Eighth Sing Production Rolls; Hopeful Classes Elect Leaders

Elections for chairmen and choral leaders of this year's Sing productions were conducted at three General Organization meetings held on October 4, 5, and 6, for the sophomore, junior, and senior classes respectively.

The position of Senior Sing chairman will be filled by Barbara Smolansky, Janet Baum, running unopposed for Senior choral leader, has attained the position of choral leader for the third successive time. The theme for Senior Sing will be *Bye-Line*.

Richard Steinberg and Sharon Barell will lead the juniors in their extravaganza, to be entitled *Juniors in Ice-olation*. The sophs picked Reneè Schiffman as their chairman and a very close election resulted in the appointment of two choral leaders — Harriet Bergman and Toby Sherotsky. The sophomores will try to break traditional senior win this year with *Soph Sleuths*.

Back row (left to right): Sherotsky, Shiffman, Bergman. Front row (left to right): Barell, Baum, Smolansky. Kneeling: Steinberg.

According to Mr. Weil, faculty head of Sing, this year's performance, the eighth in Tilden's history, should be "bigger and better than ever." The current officers of Central Sing, whose main function is to "make each Sing a worthwhile and entertaining project" are Diane Turk and Yvette Altschuler, co-commissioners; Evelyn Seidner and Beverly Schneider, secretary and treasurer; and Paul Baumrind, sophomore advisor.

January Grads Elect Dick, Kaplan Officers

Left to righ: Dick, Kaplan, Rosler, Nayer.

The graduating class of 1961, on September 28, elected Francine Dick, Phyllis Kaplan, Susan Rosler, and Sheila Nayer as president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer respectively.

Francine, voted to the office of president, will represent the graduates throughout the term, and will be salutatorian at commencement exercises. Francine, who has an 86% average, has been a participant in Sophomore and Junior Sings.

Running unopposed, Phyllis won the position of vice-president which makes her Editor-in-Chief of Senior News. Phyllis is an official class president, G.O. representative and has participated in Sing.

Senior secretary, Susan Rosler, will aid Mr. Diamond, faculty advisor of the Senior Class, in clerical work involving the management of senior activities. She is also secretary of Arista, and has been a member of Polyglot and Sing.

The graduates' class treasurer, Sheila Nayer, will be responsible for managing financial affairs. Sheila, who was voted into office without opposition, has maintained an 86% average and has participated in Soph and Junior Sings.

The officers will represent the January graduating class of 307 students, and organize the senior activites under the direction of Mr. Diamond.

Mr. Diamond accredits the officers with being "efficient, eager to help, and hard working." According to him, the vice-president has already completed editing the Senior News, and treasurer, Sheila, is checking on the payment of senior dues.

On the senior schedule is the Celebrity Hop on October 28, the Red Letter Hop, December 9, and the Senior Prom, which will be held on January 27.

Campaign speeches by the nominees were held in Tilden's auditorium on September 27.

Career Conference; Topic:B'klyn College

The Brooklyn College Career Conference, first of this term, was held Wednesday, October 5, in room 238. Mrs. Brill, of the Administrative Staff of the School of General Studies at Brooklyn College, was the guest speaker.

The Conference, consisting mainly of questions and answers, revealed that even students with relatively low averages may acquire college degrees. A student having an overall average of 75% and graduating with 16 units of high school work, including 11½ units of prescribed subjects, may join the School of General Studies. The S.G.S. meets in the evenings or late afternoons.

All applicants to Brooklyn College for a Bachelor of Arts degree must take the SAT. Admission is based on the results of this test as well as on the composite high school average.

Kay, Koeppel, Rosen Attend Annual BBC

Alan Kay, Jack Koeppel, and Joseph Rosen, were recently picked to represent Tilden at the Brooklyn Borough Conference, held annually at Brooklyn Tech High School. A preliminary meeting was held on October 18 to choose leaders for the conerence. Joe and Alan were chosen as two of the four principle speakers. Jack was voted to be a co-chairman on one of the committees.

The actual conference took place on October 27. Most of Brooklyn's academic and vocational high schools were represented. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the coming Presidential election. Alan spoke in behalf of Vice-President Nixon while Joe spoke in behalf of Senator Kennedy.

Sec. Studies Dept. Releases Sing Plan

The Secretarial Studies Department has prepared a Sing to be presented in the auditorium on November 9.

Instead of the exhibition usually shown by this department a new twist has been added to the program by having a variety of skits, poking fun at teachers in the school.

Students of the Secretarial Studies Department, with the support of the Drama Guild, will act. The Choral Society along with dancers will turn the show into a miniature musical.

Mrs. Shapiro, typing and stenography teacher, will supervise the production. Janie Baum, choral leader of Senior Sing, will lead the chorus. Pearl Cohen will handle the business aspects of the Sing.

Josephine Mirasola will sing with Jeffrey Loger accompanying on the piano. Robert Safirstein narrates. Freddy Fassman will portray Mr. Seashore, the head of the department. Mrs. Nightenblum will be portrayed by Adrienne Rosenberg. Karen Slavin and Claire Wisoff are portraying Mrs. Song and Mrs. Loman. Hymen Gelbein will interview an ill-mannered girl played by Ronnie Goldstein.

TOPICS TALKS:

WIDER VISTAS AHEAD

This is an age where man's communication is vital to peace and understanding. Yet we are delinquent in our responsibility as students to remain in this rapidly changing world.

Tilden's foreign language department has adequately fulfilled the needs of the students. But it is indeed sad that last year's Russian course given in Tilden was discontinued. However, we must look on to new horizons, for today, Russian is competing with the well established foreign languages recognized in Tilden's curriculum.

The fact can no longer be ignored; Russian has gained considerable importance in the past five years. If there is to be harmony in this crucial period, there must be understanding.

Dr. Isadore Schwartz, chairman of the foreign language department, has stated, "It is the policy of the Board of Education and Tilden to offer any course for which there is substantial demand." Across the country, numerous colleges and high schools have instituted a course in Russian. Tildenites, too, could widen their own horizons by means of such a course.

The time to act is now! Your cooperation is necessary if we are to enlarge our language outlook. If you are interested in studying Russian, a petition will be available in the foreign language and *Tilden Topics* offices. Be a pioneer in the quest for greater language knowledge.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Next year I am going to be a senior. I think that Tilden does give its upper-termers many events to make their last days their best ones. But, I have one criticism. I object strongly to these "Beany Days." There are only four days on which the seniors may don their caps. However, if every day were a beany day, the significance would be lost. Wouldn't it be better to have a "Beany Day" every week? Wednesday would be most appropriate because there is an assembly and the whole class is together. A greater number of "Beany Days"' would add to everyone's enjoyment.

Sincerely,
Claire Wisoff

Senior beanies are worn on four alloted days for a specific reason, to maintain its significance. If the Tilden seniors are allowed to wear their beanies once a week the novelty will eventually wear off, and the privilege lose its meaning.

The Editors

Greedy 'Tricksters' Haunt Nonbelievers

Look!—Up in the sky!—Is it a pterodactyl, the phantom of the opera, or an ink blotch on your eyeglasses? Look—there it goes again. Oh, horrors, it's the Halloween witch who is apt to bring demons of all sorts from the fiery body of Hades; the most common being the "Trick-or-Treater."

Have you ever tried to study for a full-period chemistry test to be given the first of November, when suddenly the doorbell rings and an impish voice declares, 'Trick-or-treat.' Now, by the time they have reached your house, they have accumulated half the wealth of Brooklyn. Each holds in one hand a laundry sack, filled to the brim with thick, gooey candy, and, in the other hand, a combination safe filled with coin-of-the-realm. What more can they want? They have enough candy to last them all year, and plenty of money for a trip around the world.

At this point, I usually forget all about my chem test and join them myself. Oh! There goes the doorbell now. Happy hunting!

Infinite Testing Battery Challenges Gray Matter

Gone are the days when the simple ten question quiz extracted knowledge from the mind of the youthful scholar. Replacing that uncomplicated testing method is an infinite battery of examinations, more commonly known to the genius of today as "the ones with the special pencils."

Precursor of the scrutinizing mind challengers is the I.Q. Test, the first obstacle in a chain of intellectual tortures. It acquaints the "thinker" with a fact of life, that is, intelligence isn't everything.

The Iowa Test, a barrage of questions, next attacks the unsuspecting student. With a bottle of chocolate-flavored tranquilizers, the adolescent concentrates his faculties on the exam, and utilizes the thousand-boxed answer sheets as mobil rockets.

Third phase of the series is PSAT, the junior's delight. For two hours he struggles desperately to awaken any knowledge lying dormant in the "do not disturb" section of the brain.

In March he drudges on to the NMSQT, ruining a beautiful Saturday morning. Missing the qualifying score by one point, he grabs for his Gilette. Classmates restrain and comfort him with the soothing , "Regents Scholarships, Regents Scholarships."

Prepared with specially treated IBM pencils, thermos of solidifying buttermilk and extra blades, he challenges the Regents Scholarship Examination. Applying every inch of his gray matter, he proves to be a winner, an alternate that is, with only five thousand others.

The last of the series is the CEEB. Overconfident, the eighth termer displays his lack of English comprehension and twisted mathematical logic . . . and with a score of two hundred, he runs screaming "IQPSATNMSQTREGENTSSCHOLARSHIPCEEB."

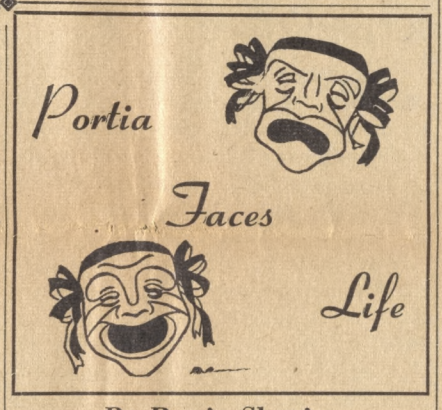
Chillingworth Reports on Game; Deals Football Irrevocable Blow

Ace feature reporter Irving Chillingworth, well known man about the detention room, was recently sent out to cover the latest glorious Tilden football game. His eyewitness account, which comes out slightly bloodshot, more or less accurately follows:

"Contrary to the law of physics which states no two bodies can occupy the same space at the same time, two thousand tickets were sold for every thousand available seats. This leads to people saying that they sat in the 1st row, 3rd seat, 4th layer of students. Great sport was had by all students attempting to throw something into the opposing band's tuba. While blowing high C the tuba player sprayed the area with a four foot layer of banana peels, stale bagels, old copies of *Topics*, torn copies of our rival, *The New York Times*, and one old Alf Landon pin. The entire game had the aspect of an accidental meeting between the Gas House Gang and the Five Little Peppers.

Each side had, besides natural good spirits and young adrenal glands, cheerleaders to whip them into frenzy. Sample cheers: Sis bom bah/sour cream and Tilden/RAH RAH RAH. In theory, frenzy stimulates students into buying tickets to the next game."

Cutting off his fuming, we hit him over the head with a spare typewriter and put him back in his cage till next issue. Not paying attention to the football game, maybe, but failing to return a glorious report on Ronnie Bliey will never do.



By Portia Shapiro

As a victim of circumstances in this social happy "sweet sixteen" era, I am well acquainted with these once-in-a-lifetime extravaganzas.

Only two weeks ago I attended the latest of the never ending trail of parties. Upon entering the room I was greeted by the hostess, donned in an original Dior copy and perfumed in her mother's best twenty-five dollar an ounce fragrance. She cheerfully jabbed me with one of the sugar cubed corsages. My knowledge of first aid proved invaluable as I applied a tourniquet around my neck.

After that little mishap, the guest of honor introduced me to all of my old enemies. The hours lingered on and somehow the guests divided up into two distinct groups with the girls on one side of the room; the boys on the other. I immediately saw that it was a very sociable crowd.

To unite the dissension, the hostess coaxed—or rather pushed—some unsuspecting male clear across the room into the lap of a flustered female. Under the circumstances the red-faced lad could only blurt out, "Shall we dance?"

Eventually the gifts were opened (yummy, yummy). In the process some clever lass recorded the impromptu remarks of the gleeful birthday girl. One particular remark which appealed to the mirthful adolescents was, "Portia! Stand up; you're crushing the cake." I assure you that I was not seated in the whipped cream pineapple-filled delight. It was somebody else's!

In the wee hours of the morning I met a yawning acquaintance who decided to save a four cent stamp, and handed me an invitation to her once-in-a-lifetime extravaganza.

Hungarian Views Freedom's Glow; America Serves As Guiding Light

In 1956 an uprising spread throughout the Communist-controlled country of Hungary. The Russian installed regime of Janos Kadar ruthlessly suppressed the revolt, and thousands of Hungarians fled the country to seek refuge in the West. One of these refugees is Marika Kende.

Marika Kende

Marika, now a Tilden student, grew up in Budapest and left Hungary a month after the outbreak of the revolution. First hiding at a friend's house, she then walked thirty miles with her family until they reached the border and safety. For her, liberty is the most precious thing in the world and the basic liberties which she enjoys in abundance are the same freedoms she was willing to fight and die for her in her homeland.

As high school in Hungary is reserved for the influential, Marika is thrilled to be attending Tilden. Although she is amazed at the frequency of tests, she finds the work easier than in Budapest. Marika studied ballet in her homeland and hopes to become a ballerina or possibly a secretary.

The Declaration of Independence is the battle cry, not only of America freedom but of human freedom. Our country will always welcome people like Marika with "open arms" into a land where she can live without fear of oppression or tyranny.

By Seymour Safransky

The first nighters are in their seats, and the curtain is now rising on a new season of Broadway entertainment. The wonderful world of the theatre will move into high gear these early fall weeks and high hopes are in order for the new season. Now that the award-winning performance of Mr. Thumper has completed its run at the United Nations Building, we can all settle back and enjoy . . .

An Evening with Mort Sahl and the Limeliters . . . Acclaimed by many as the greatest political satirist since Will Rogers, Mort Sahl and a sensational musical trio, the Limeliters, are featured at Town Hall, 124 West 43 Street.

The Wall . . . Millard Lampell's adaptation of John Hersey's powerful novel about the liquidation of the Jews in the Warsaw ghetto by the Germans, stars George S. Scott and Yvonne Mitchell, at the Billy Rose theatre.

Camelot . . . a new musical with the biggest advance sale in history, features a list of dignitaries straight from *My Fair Lady*—lyricist Alan Lerner, composer Frederick Lowe and director Moss Hart, to name a few, promise to make this show a "really big hit." Opens December 3 at the Majestic.

Here's Another Evening—This time with Mike Nichols and Elaine May . . . Unanimous acclaim has been given to these two young comedians. Satiristic comedy at its best, combined with an air of delightful versatility, have brought them into the Golden Theatre, 252 West 45 Street.

Shakespeare Comes to TV . . . Station WNEW-TV (Channel 5) has scheduled fifteen weeks of Shakespearean drama. Each of the fifteen dramas will be televised on Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. and repeated the following Sunday at 1:00 P.M., starting December 6.

Ralph Bellamy Returns As F.D.R. In Film Version of 'Campobello'

Sunrise At Campobello, one of America's outstanding stage successes, received widespread and enthusiastic acclaim when it was introduced on Broadway. Now, through the efforts of Dore Schary, writer and producer, and director Vincent Donehue, *Sunrise At Campobello* has been brought to the motion picture screen without losing any of its original greatness.

The story covers a period of 34 months in the life of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, with the film opening on the Island of Campobello in August of 1921. Roosevelt, who has been rising into the political spotlight, is suddenly stricken by infantile paralysis. We follow Roosevelt's stubborn determination as he combats the crippling disease, until the time he returns to public life to nominate Al Smith at the 1924 Democratic National Convention.

Ralph Bellamy recreates his memorable stage role of Franklin Roosevelt with great dexterity. Greer Garson, as Eleanor Roosevelt, turns in a remarkably touching and tender performance. A fine supporting cast of Hume Cronyn, Jean Hagen, and Ann Shoemaker, make this motion picture an unforgettable piece of entertainment.

Sunrise At Campobello is a pilgrimage into history, particularly because it brings a great man back to life. When Bellamy walks up to nominate Al Smith, he is no longer an actor, but F.D.R., and the audience is not cheering a Republican or a Democrat, but a man whose indomitable spirit overcame the ravages of polio to become one of the world's greatest historical figures.

Seymour Safransky

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ON THE SIDELINES

with

Jill Considine

and

Arnold Fleischer

The Tilden football team has started off its season in fine style this year, winning its first two games. Ronnie Bliey's sensational scoring spree in the John Jay game gave the Tilden star a total of 42 points, eighteen behind that of Ed Cotton of De Witt Clinton, the P.S.A.L. and metropolitan area scoring leader. Cotton, however, has played two more games than Ronnie, who has the highest per-game average in the city.

You're Great

While the members of our athletic teams have been drawing more and more attention in recent years' there are other groups of Tilden students who remain unrecognized. They have become, however, as necessary to the games as the players themselves. Tilden's cheerleaders, for example, build up our morale and keep our spirits high, even in the face of serious opposition. Let's give them full support at our games.

The Twirlers, also, are always on hand to provide entertainment at the games. It's not every school that is fortunate enough to have such an excellent squad. If you have ever seen them at a game, you know what a great job they do.

The Boosters also do their share for the athletic department. They have increased their ranks to fifty girls this year. These girls sell tickets to basketball and football contests and literally "boost" the spirits of Tilden fans who attend the games.

Mr. DeFronzo

Last, but certainly not least, is our field squad. These boys, under the direction of Mr. Solomon, help out at football and basketball games, while also aiding at swimming meets.

We offer our thanks to all these groups and we hope that you will give them the cooperation and appreciation they deserve.

Apologies

It's said that beginners make mistakes, but it can get a little ridiculous and embarrassing. In the last issue of *Topics*, we erroneously stated that Mr. Anthony De Fronzo has been coaching the swimming team for fourteen years. Actually, Mr. De Fronzo has been a member of Tilden's faculty for *thirty years*—a slight error on our part. We wish him and the team luck in the current season and hope that all is forgiven. Okay?

. . . . . Additional swimming news: Joey Rost is the new captain; the first meet is against Tech on December 8.

Somebody Goofed

Because of either a lack in planning ahead or a mix-up in schedules, the Tilden-Erasmus basketball game will occur on December 16, the same night as Sing. Over 1000 students will be participating in Sing and an equal number will probably be in the audience. This will leave our basketball team without support from Tilden fans, at one of the most important games of the season. We hope that something can be done to clear up this situation.

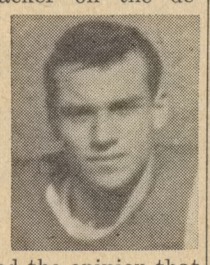
On to Glory

Ed Strong, a key man on last year's track team, is a starter on Roanoke College's squad. Meanwhile, Arthur Friedman, last year's sports editor, is playing lightweight freshman football at Columbia. Keep up the good work, fellows. You're adding to Tilden's pride.

Touchdown Talk

This season, the two captains of the powerful Tilden football team are two linemen, the most aggressive and fiery players on the team, Barry Kraft and Marty Senall.

The 5'8", 185 pound Barry Kraft has been a member of the squad for 3 seasons. Last season, Barry turned in fine work as linebacker and guard, and this season his work has been even better, playing left guard on offense, and linebacker on the defensive platoon.



Barry said that his most exciting experiences since being on the team have been getting to the City Finals last year and being named captain this season. Barry offered the opinion that it would be a different story from last year's final two games, and predicted a City Championship for the '60 *Blue Devils*. He felt that the main competition would come from Brooklyn Tech and Jefferson, and predicted that a Tilden victory over Jeff in the final league game would be the stepping stone to the Championship.

After graduation, Barry wants to go to either Brooklyn College of Pharmacy or Columbia University of Pharmacy to get an education and doesn't intend to play football in college.

Marty Senall, Barry's good friend, is the other captain of the football team. Marty, both an offensive left tackle and a defensive tackle, is 6 feet tall and weighs 190 pounds.

Marty is another one of Coaches Mars' and Adler's three year men. He played little as a soph, but developed rapidly last season, and turned in very good work. He's improved his play even more this year.

Like Barry, Marty feels that this will be Tilden's year and a championship will come to the school. He feels that the roughest competition should come from Jefferson and Midwood, but also is confident that the team is very strong and well manned at all positions, and should be able to come out on top.

After graduation from Tilden in January of this year, Marty plans to attend Cortland State Teachers' College, where he would like to major in physical education, and become a physical education teacher.

For Marty Senall, however, other important things lie before college—like helping win the City Championship Football Title for Tilden High School.

—Silver

Blue Devils Topple Boys High; Overhaul John Jay By 32-0

The Tilden football team opened its 1960 season with an impressive flourish, defeating Boys' High and John Jay on successive Saturdays. In doing this, the *Blue Devils* demonstrated that they are once again a group to contend with, as they combined an explosive offense and a strong defense to crush their opponents.

On October 8, at Tilden field, the *Marsmen* thrilled a cheering crowd and a large television audience with a 22-14 victory over Boys' High, our first win against them in eight years. Taking the kickoff, the *Blue Devils* wasted no time in scoring. Willie Bright, a recruit from the track team, cut off right tackle on the second play of the game and sped 62 yards to a touchdown. Ronnie Bliey swept left end for the conversion, netting his first two points of the year.

Ronnie Bliey Turns Right End To Score Against John Jay.

Late in the first period, after our defense had stalled Boys' drive, Tilden received the ball again. Ronnie Bliey raced 52 yards with a screen pass from quarterback Richie Garcia, but a clipping penalty erased the tally. Undaunted, however, Bliey turned right end on the next play and streaked 57 yards for a real score, giving Tilden a 14-0 edge.

Boys' did the only scoring of the second quarter, with fullback Ray Younger going over on a 9 yard pass-run play. The conversion attempt was successful, and the half time totals were Tilden 14, Boys' 8.

In the third quarter, though, Boys' threatened seriously once more, as they recovered a fumbled punt on the Tilden 26. Their march was stymied, however, when Charlie Bridges, a marvelous performer throughout the contest, pounced on a Boys' fumble on the Tilden 8 yard line. A succession of short runs brought the ball to the 33. Then Ronnie Bliey hooked around right end, burst away from presumptuous tacklers, and tore downfield for 67 yards. This and Ronnie's second two-point conversion gave Tilden a 22-8 margin. Boys' got the last touchdown of the game, however, as Ray Younger bucked over from the one.

Tilden Blanks Jay

The *Blue Devil's* next opponent was John Jay. On October 15, in a game reminiscent of last year's 28-0 drubbing, Tilden walloped their rivals 32-0.

After receiving the kickoff, John Jay went no-place, and Tilden got the punt on the 21. Bliey advanced to the 25, but a fumble set the team back to the 18. Then, on Tilden's third play, Bliey veered off right tackle, leaped over two prostrate defenders, and raced down the sidelines. Powering his path through three Jay tacklers, Ronnie galloped downfield on a sensational 82 yard touchdown jaunt.

Tilden's next two scores came in the second quarter. A ten yard pass from Garcia to Bliey put the *Blue Devils* on the John Jay 40. On two successive runs, Morty Stahl carried the ball to the 28. Nick Ucci advanced to the 25, and Bliey ran 11 more yards to the 14. Then Ronnie smashed through the entire Jay team for his and Tilden's second touchdown.

The final tally of the half came after Mike Elman intercepted a Jay pass on the 23 and ran it back 17 yards. Quarterback Garcia, getting fine protection, passed to end Harvey Rubin, who brought the ball to the 4, for a total gain of 50 yards. Bliey scored again on the following play, and Tilden led 18-0 at halftime.

In the third period, the *Blue Devils* added two more touchdowns to their total. Richie Garcia and Harvey Rubin again teamed up, this time on a 38-yard pass play. Bliey ran for 12 yards and then scored his fourth touchdown of the day on a one yard plunge. Ronnie also scored the conversion, which gave him an astounding twenty-six points for the game.

Later, second-string quarterback Steve Small showed that he could heave that pigskin too, as he hit Rubin for a spectacular 53 yard "home run." The conversion attempt failed, but the *Blue Devils* still emerged satisfied with a 32-0 romp. The win set their league record at 2-0.

—Fleischer

Basketball Team Hopes For Playoff Position

After a very successful 1959-1960 season ,in which they made the City Playoffs at Madison Square Garden, the Tilden basketball team is back in action.

The 1960-1961 hoopsters, ably coached by third year mentor Jerry Gold have high prospects for another Garden berth.

This year's schedule lists seventeen games, twelve league contests and five non-league outings. Teams added to the schedule for non-league encounters include Sheepshead Bay and Jamaica High.

Last year's team experienced one of the most exciting seasons of any Tilden team. After losing a close game to Erasmus early in the season, the *Goldmen* came back to whip Erasmus twice, giving the *Blue Devils* a spot in Madison Square Garden. While Tilden and Erasmus both finished behind Wingate in their division, they are expected to dislodge the *Generals* this season and battle it out for the first two positions.

Despite losing several key players, including Chuck Holiber, Richie Feinstein, Norm Ashley, and Mike Jackson, Coach Jerry Gold is fairly well set. He has three returning starters in seniors Billy Goldstein and Arnie Schanker, the captains, and junior Bobby Kranz.

Bobby capped a remarkable season by being named to the third team All City by the World Telegram and making Honorable Mention in the Post and Journal American. Against Erasmus, Birdie scored 20 and 19 points, while he played a fine all-around game against Washington in the Garden. Although the team lost to Columbus in their next encounter, he still got 17 points.

Billy Goldstein, as the year progressed, improved with every game, and became a fine shooter and rebounder. Arnie Schanker shot well and was a tenacious player on defense. His excellent defensive work against Erasmus' high-scoring guard, Jim Cymbala, was a key to Tilden's victories.

Other starters on the squad should be Billy Mirkin, a senior, and Ira Wechsler, a sophomore from Meyer Levin, or Howie Jurofsky or Len Kamin. Key players who are capable subs include Ed Beldau, Richie Eigen, Jay Feit, Elliot Lampert, and Wayne Rosen. Other Meyer Levin boys who made the squad are Jeff Bodie, David Fessler, and Larry Roth.

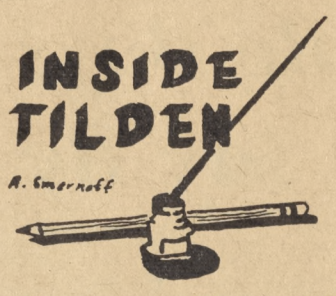
This year, the Tilden basketball team has speed combined with scoring but lacks remounding ability. Everyone concerned, however, has high hopes that the boys will go a long way in the City Championship race.

Tennis Team Tops Lincoln

Tilden's tennis team completed its fall schedule with a bang, defeating Abraham Lincoln High School on October 17. The match highlighted one of the *Racquetmen's* most successful seasons. Combined with their two previous victories over Boys High and Eli Whitney, and a disqualification of Midwood, it enabled them to finish with a respectable 4-2 record.

The *Racquetmen* began their season by putting up a surprisingly hard fight against a strong Brooklyn Tech squad. Coach O'Shea's boys battled so valiantly that the meet was called by darkness when halfway completed. In their next contest, the netmen overwhelmed Whitney, 5-0. The tennis team then faced Boys, eager to repeat last year's complete sweep, but the opposition proved a little rougher than expected. Nevertheless, the team came through with a 4-1 victory.

Following these wins, however, the team suffered sharp setbacks to its hopes of achieving a winning season. It lost to powerful Wingate 5-0 and succumbed to Midwood by the same margin. Then the *Racquetmen*, in a match that had been postponed by rain, were vanquished by Fort Hamilton on a day that saw all our boys off form. The key meet with Lincoln, though, resulted in a close 3-2 victory for Tilden. The doubles combinations of Lewis Coopersmith and Neal Aronin and Herb Selzer and Jeff Kleinberg, along with third singles man, Arnie Fleischer, got the wins.



By Susan Rothberg and Leonard Zwerling

With the feverish Presidential campaign approaching its climax, we here in Tilden are also conducting elections of our own. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the senior class officers and the newly elected Sing Leaders. We feel that although the elections in school do not parallel the National elections exactly, we still realize the importance of the positions these students have attained.

Kennedy and Nixon buttons have popped up all over the place. Some students even wear both, to be impartial. Yet this election has caused many disagreements. Partisan though we may be, we hope the better man wins.

Enough of politics and philosophy, let's return to Tilden, and see what's going on.

Congratulations

Our best wishes to Susan Dorlan. Susan, a former girl leader of Arista and president of her senior class of June 1957, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year at the University of Connecticut. She is also a University Scholar—the highest honor that can be obtained at the college. In addition, she is an accomplished actress, and will appear as Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet.*

Now you see why we are so proud of our Tilden alumni.

Population explosion: Congratulations are also in order to Mr. Daniels of the English Department, and Mr. Pincus of the Biology Department, who have become proud fathers of bouncing bonnie lasses. Good Luck!

A Change

Mr. Lefkowitz, the former faculty advisor of the G.O. store, has been temporarily replaced by Mr. Irgang, a member of the Secretarial Studies. Mr. Lefkowitz, who has undergone an operation, may return in February, or next September.

Hot international tip: Japanese sneakers are on sale in the G.O. store at $.50 a pair. Not only have the Japanese imprinted their indelible "Made in Japan" on three quarters of our household items, but now they have endeavored to print it on American soil, via sneaker bottoms.

Mr. Irgang

Rejuvenation

With all the new teachers and pupils that have augmented Tilden's congestion, many new and important additions have been made. In the Biology classrooms, new desks, chairs, and demonstration tables have been installed. The department also plans to get new books. All of which goes to prove there is too rejuvenation in the Biology Department.

And Furthermore

Also in the last issue, we ran out of room on the front page to list the Regents Scholarship winners from R to Z. Here are the missing names: Arthur Rosen, Eli Rosenberg, Lawrence Rosenblum, Martin Rosenman, (recognize that name), Roy Roser, Susan Rothstein, Ellen Rumelt, Marsha Rumelt, Harriet Savith, David Schloss, Owen Schneider, Anthony Schor, Joan Simansky, William Slater, David Stillman, David Whitebook, Leslie Winston, Bruce Wishnefsky, and Iris Wolkoff.

The following students won a Regents Scholarship for Education in Engineering, Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics: David Bleich, Leon Cohen, Richard Denenberg, Erica Karp, Peter Levine, Eli Rosenberg, Martin Rosenman, Roy Rosner, and Owen Schneider.

We would like to add the name of Mr. David Rothstein to those who were appointed permanent members of the Social Studies Department.

Furthermore, we would like to get straight once and for all the spelling of the names of Messrs. Blechman and Peikes.

Art Scholarships

Ten tuition-free, full-time, day session scholarships are being offered to high school seniors whose expected date of graduation is not later than June 1961. The scholarships are being offered by the School of Visual Arts, 209-13 East 23 Street, New York.

The requirements for the scholarships are:

1—On Saturday, December 17, 1960, at 11 A.M. candidates must take a two-hour performance test at the School of Visual Arts.

2—Candidates are advised to bring drawing material to the test with them.

3—At a later date, candidates who qualify will be asked to submit a portfolio of art work to the Scholarship Committee.

Qualified students should apply to the Scholarship Committee at the School of Visual Arts, on or before December 5, 1960.

Welcome

Tilden's faculty is really growing. Mr. Alan Knieter, who comes to us from Fort Hamilton High School, is an addition to our Music Department. He will be in charge of the Boy's Chorus and the Glee Club.

Lefkowitz Award

This is the time of the year when students vote for the personage they feel worthy to receive the Abraham Lefkowitz Memorial Award. In keeping with the democratic election spirit, we want you to put aside personal prejudices and vofe for that person who really examplifies the ideals of Dr. Lefkowitz.

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Before we run off the page, we would like to reiterate and clarify a former statement. Whether you are a Kennedy man or a Nixon man, you are all Tilden students. As Tilden students, you deserve to know about your school and activities going on inside your school. This is our column's aim. However, with Sing rehearsals starting, term papers assigned, and midterms looming over the horizon, we expect to be kind of busy. Therefore until next issue, we remain—

Neurotic

Schedule of Uniform Mid-Term Examinations

Monday Nov. 28*	Tuesday Nov. 29*
8.15-9:45: Am. His. 1, 2 Anc.& Med. His. Eco. Geog. Eng. 1	**8.15-9:45:** Eco. Eng. 4 Gen. Sci. 1
9:55-11:25 Faculty Meeting	**10:00-11:30:** Eng. 8 World His. 1 World Geog. 1
11:45-1:00: French 2-6 Spanish 2-6	**11:45-1:15:** Eng. 7 Merch. 3 Hebrew 3-5 Core
1:15-2:30: Biology 1 World His. 2	**1:30-2:45:** Eng. 3 H.I.G
2:45-4:00: Eng. 5	**3:00-4:15:** Earth Sci. 1,2 Physics 1,2 Home. Nur. 1,2 Foods 1

**Note: The dates were changed from November 22 and 23 to November 28 and 29.*

Interested Students Petition For Clubs

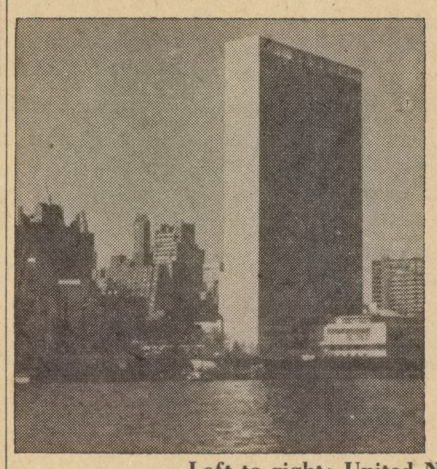
Tilden students are once more taking the initiative to organize new activities.Joy Norflus, editor-in-chief of *Polyglot,* and Rosalie Brusca, also on *Polyglot,* are in the process of forming a class in first term Russian. This class will be part of a two or three year langauge sequence. All interested lower termers are urged to come forward, and request Russian.

"Why," asks Joy, "if Russian students learn to speak English, can't we learn Russian? English is known to be the more difficult of the two languages. In Russia they don't tell the truth about American life. We are being hypocrites if we don't learn the truth about them. What's a better way to learn about the Russian people than by reading about them in their own language?"

On the Hebrew front, a new culture club has recently been proposed. A petition of more than fifty signatures has been written in support of it.

Sponsored by the Hebrew Culture Council, some feature of this activity would be entertaining, group singing, dancing, films and discussions. The main purpose of this society is to promote a Jewish culture exchange.

'Topics' Editors Float On 'WMGM 1050' Boat



Left to right: United Nations, Mike Laurence.

"Sink or Swim" was the key word for the most unusual boatride ever to sail around New York City. The purpose of the boatride?—to introduce high school editors to WMGM's new 1050 Club.

The new club, which is expressly designed for its members, is an attempt by WMGM to provide both fun and scholarship to the younger people in the metropolition area. Dances, jazz concerts, film reviews and funtests are in the offering, along with College Tutoring Scholarships. WMGM feels that in its unique position as the voice of the teenagers, it should help to tap the reservoir of things to do that can add to their knowledge and their enjoyment of life.

Celebrities Afloat

Present on this unusual boatride were four of the most famous men heard on radio. First on the list, is Jerry Marshall, the voice on Jerry Marshall's Record Room. Jerry has been on radio since 1937 and was born in New York. He attended Cornell University and originally he wanted to be a lawyer.

Norm Stevens, the star of Record Band Wagon, has been in radio since 1948. He was born in Connecticut and attended Emerson College. His favorite recording stars—Elvis and Peggy Lee.

Mike Laurence, in his first year with WMGM, is the disc-jockey on "Your Hits of the Week." He was born in New York and attended N.Y.U. and N.Y.U. Law School. He has been on radio for nine years and originally was an actor. His favorite singers are Frank Sinatra and Della Reese.

The last celebrity interviewed was Dean Hunter, who is the star of Best Sellers and has been with WMGM for five years. He was born in Rhode Island and attended Brown University. He first wanted to be a reporter but changed to radio and has been there for twelve years. He told us his favorite singers are Frank Sinatra and Sarah Vaughn and provided the most surprising statement of the day —"Radio scripts are not prepared; the show is all ad-lib!"

Following our initial interviews, the group settled back to enjoy the sights. We saw the Statue of Liberty, the United Nations, Khruschchev's ship Baltika, Yankee Stadium, the Polo Grounds, and the Cloisters. During the trip, a WMGM staff member picked membership card stubs out of a basket and the numbers were read over the loudspeaker. The winners received record albums, and some transistor radios. From time to time, the World Series score was announced and spasmodic whimpers and shrills were emitted by the Pirate and Yankee fans.

We were officially welcomed as charter members of the 1050 Club, and we were further informed of its outstanding features.

As the boat pulled into the dock, a weary, but satisfied band of editors, departed from the boat and, after thanking their hosts, returned home to transcribe the day's events. They all felt, as I did, that the inception of a worth-while club had taken place. I am sure that you too, will feel the same way about the WMGM 1050 Club.

If you are interested in joining the club, write directly to WMGM or come into the *Tilden Topics* office, Room 118. We will be happy to provide more detailed information.

P.S. We almost had a picture of my co-editor standing with Dean Hunter, but yours truly ran out of film and Dean ran out of patience. Result—no picture.

—Leonard Zwerling

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